

Subject: Tammany medal;

Relief medal of North + South
America

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[100 William St.]

1925-1930

December 12th, 1925

I. N. Phelps Stokes, Esq.
100 William Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Some days ago, Mr. Wayte Raymond informed us of your willingness to sell us the Tammany Medal which you recently purchased. We are particularly desirous of adding this piece to our Collection, and trust that you are still willing to part with it. We understood from Mr. Raymond that you would allow us to purchase this piece for the price you paid for it - \$315.00. I have just received permission from the Council of our Society to make you this offer, and if you are now willing to sell it, I shall be glad to direct our Bank to send you our cheque for \$315.00.

The Council has directed me to thank you very sincerely for your interest in our Collection, and we trust we may be able to add the Tammany medal to our Cabinet.

With appreciation of your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

Curator

100 WILLIAM STREET

NEW YORK. December 16, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Bet. 155th & 156th Streets,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have just received your letter of December 12th, and shall be very glad to turn over the Tammany medal to your Society. I bought it in order to prevent its going West, and also in order that I might procure a good photograph for reproduction in the forth-coming volume of my Iconography of Manhattan Island. It is outside of my own particular field of collecting.

Yours very truly,

I. N. PHELPS STOKES,

J.S. Clarke
Sec'y.

INPS/ ZSC.

Mr. Stokes left the office
before signing this letter

P.S.:-- I am just leaving for out of town, but will send the medal to you on my return tomorrow.

Have check sent to / for \$315⁰⁰ for
Tammany medal.
Charg'd after Postage Paid. D/c
Dec. 29/25

100 WILLIAM STREET

NEW YORK.

January 7, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
B'dway, bet. 155th & 156th Streets,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am sending you herewith by registered
mail the "Tammany Medal" for which you have sent me your
cheque. I am sorry to have been so long in getting it
to you, but trust the delay has not inconvenienced you.

Sincerely yours,

I. N. PHELPS STOKES,

J. B. Clarke
Sec'y.

Enc.

January 9th, 1926

I. N. Phelps Stokes
100 William Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Stokes:

I beg to thank you for the Tammany Medal which reached us in due course. Again may I express, on behalf of the Society, thanks and appreciation for your courtesy in enabling us to add this important piece to our Collection.

Very truly yours,

Curator

January 12th, 1926

I. N. Phelps Stokes, Esq.
100 William Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Stokes:

On my return from a short absence in the South, I find the Tammany medal safely reposing in the trays of our Collection.

Many, many thanks for your kindness, generosity and public spirited attitude in allowing us to secure this important historical document at the price which you gave for it. Your action is keenly appreciated by the Council, and, at its last meeting, I was instructed to tender you the thanks of the Society as a whole.

This brings to my mind an idea - we are naturally very anxious to publish, in as adequate and scientific a manner as possible, this important medal. Would you, in one of your rare leisure moments, consider writing such an article, to be printed in our series of Notes and Monographs? You are the only person in a position to do full justice to such an interesting theme; and it would be a thousand pities if the medal were to remain virtually unknown to future students of the history of New York.

May we hope to receive a favorable reply to this suggestion?

Thanking you again for your kindness,

Very truly yours,

President

Dec. 6, 1930

Mr. I. N. Phelps Stokes
100 William Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Yesterday I mailed to you a couple of plaster casts of the relief medal of north and south America. I was not able to get the edge absolutely free from bubbles, but I think they will present no difficulty in making a copy of the piece. I am also enclosing a photograph of this and the Drake medal although you did not order it. We were photographing other things so I thought I would include these. If you care to keep this print the price will be three dollars. If not, you are at liberty to return it. Unfortunately the Drake medal we have has an imperfection in the center, as you will notice. The plaster cast will be one dollar.

Very truly yours,

Curator.